

LTSC June Newsletter 2019

2019 AGM:

The 2019 AGM was held on Thursday the 23rd of May in Rotorua, there was a good turnout of people and the following were elected to the Executive Team and the Council

LTSC Executive:	Warwick Wilshier	(Williams and Wilshier Ltd)
	Mark McCarthy	(McCarthy Transport Ltd)
	Glenn Heybourn	(Patchell Industries Ltd)
	Daron Turner	(Kaitaia Transport Whangarei)
	Campbell Gilmour	(Pacific Haulage Ltd)
	Bryan Smith	(Self Loader Logging Ltd)
	Chris Bailey	(Hancock Forest Management)
	Mike Spiers	(P F Olsen Ltd)
	Bruce Nairn	(Secretary)

LTSC Chairman: W Wilshier

Forest Owners Reps: Mike Spiers, Chris Bailey & Iain Mc Innes

Trailer Manufacturers Graham Kelly, Ian Patchell, and Peter Rickard

Transport Operators: Warwick Wilshier
Mark Mc McCarthy
Alan Forbes
Duncan Borlase
Glen Heybourn
Campbell Gilmour
Bryan Smith
Sean Sparksman
Daron Turner
Gordon Dahm
Peter McIntyre
Mark Lawrence
Glenn Wallis
Steve McDougall
Wayne Laurie
Tony Pye
Tom Katene
Mark Pittar
Andrew Eddington
Monique Dodds
Tony Cummins
Jason Williams
Rhys Jones

Road Transport Forum: Kerry Arnold & Graham Sheldrake

NZTA: Kevin Anderson & Brigid Jenkins

Research Engineer: TERNZ

Secretariat: TGM Services Ltd

LTSC representative to Forest Owners Association Transportation Committee:

Mark McCarthy

LTSC representative on MITO Council:

Glenn Heybourn.

Training pathway Scholarships:

The LTSC Executive approved 8 training scholarships recently, we have advised the successful Drivers of their scholarships. During the year we will profile a couple of the drivers and give an update on their progress.

Trailer Lifting Industry Standards:

At our recent Council meeting it was agreed that the LTSC would change the wording of the Trailer Lifting code to reflect the increase of new 5 axle trailers into the Industry as well as the change in some chassis designs recently released.

Section 1-3 will be changed to read:

The Front wheels of the Trailer must be kept as close to the ground as practical whilst allowing the operator to maintain optimum control of the drawbar/ process when the drawbar is being repositioned.

The operator must not move under any part of the suspended trailer to carry out this task.

When the loader is moving the trailer forward into the towing coupling, the driver must be on the off-side allowing the loader driver to view the connection.

HPMV Logging Trucks:

The NZTA recently approved a new 23.5metre HPMV unit for Logging, details of the new unit are up on NZTA website.

Operators will have to get their vehicle specs rechecked by the Engineers before they can take advantage of the increase in length (23.5m).

A new B-Train design spec will also be available shortly.

Training Pathway:

Training

As you may be aware the government is considering changing the structure of how training is delivered through training organisations and Polytechnics across the country.

MITO who we have a partnership with in delivering national certificates within our Pathway program will be affected if these changes were to go ahead, which is of grave concern to us.

The current structure we have and provide works well, and while we need to continually review and improve what we have, the fear is that with a new system we will be lost into one big melting pot of change, and we all know what will happen to the focus then!

Having said that LTSC is in a good place with the work that has been done and the structure of the Pathway to be able to continue if required on its own two feet ensuring that we deliver the training and recognition required to drivers and staff in the industry.

A decision is due out in June by the Minister so we will keep watching for that with Interest.

The new Level 4 certificate has been approved and we are now waiting for the assessment material to be signed off.

We have asked that the first 2 units to be done are the GR (general requirements) and health and hydration units which along with holding a current first aid certificate are the first units that are needed for forest entry, and to start the pathway program at bronze level.

Thanks to the small team of people who've been working on this project to get this available for the industry, we should have something available in the next 4 to 6 weeks.

It's fantastic to see the number of certificates we have handed out to date and look forward too many more into the future.

LTSC would like to ensure that all recipients of certificates at any level of the pathway are recognised properly with a presentation. We are going to look at how we may do this moving forward in conjunction with members across the country, if you have any events in your area that would work in with making these presentations then please let the secretary know. LTSC is happy to help arrange a special event around a presentation, keep an eye on our upcoming regional meetings dates, as these may present a good opportunity to plan for such presentations.

Log Marshalling Checkpoints:

Over the last 12 months there have been several incidents reported by Marshalling Companies that logging trucks have attempted to leave the Checkpoint before Log scaling has been completed.

All Log Truck Drivers must be extra vigilant and before leaving the Checkpoint they have checked that all Checkpoint staff and their equipment has been cleared from their unit.

Sleep Apnoea

A reminder that the LTSC sleep apnoea program information including our fantastic Video is available to all members to help with providing information to your staff on Sleep Apnoea and how to identify at risk drivers and provide support they need. For most people the simple questionnaire will be all they do, but for some the next step may be an overnight sleep test which LTSC can provide equipment and professional advice on how to administer by your own staff in their own home. This simple overnight test will provide an indication as to whether sleep apnoea needs to be considered as a health issue for the driver or staff member. Guidance and advice can be provided by a professional medical practitioner as to the next step if required, but the important fact to remember is that it can be treated, and this will improve the person's whole life and wellbeing. We are still hearing stories of drivers who have had serious accidents as the result of undiagnosed sleep apnoea which is concerning. We have the tools to help and it's not that hard , it is treatable and once treated it could save their lives or that of others in an avoidable accident. Members could consider testing for sleep apnoea as part of pre employment testing just like we do for drugs or alcohol. Its simple give it a go! Information on the program and a link to the video are available on our web site.

Shiftup Program: Get your Career going places.

A brand new program for 2019.

A Brochure is attached outlining this new program.

Electronic Logbooks:

The LTSC Exec is looking for feedback from our members on our Industry been encouraged to introduce Electronic Logbooks.

The LTSC would work with the RTF and NZTA to have the current rest breaks (30 minutes) changed to 15 minute breaks, but have more off them during the Drivers work period.

The Industry would have to look at a fatigue management program to enable shorter breaks as the current legislation mandates 30 minute meal break.

The current legislation we believe is designed around long haul carriers and not the short haul carriers we are.

There would need to be a rule change but if the majority of our Industry supports this why wouldn't we work with the Agency to get this right.

Please provide feedback to the Secretary by Friday the 28th of June.

Gantry Hooks:

Worksafe has advised that if a gantry hook has a keeper fitted, it is permissible to attach another suitably rated hook using a Masterlink or short chain of suitable rating. The hook must be deep, as per the diagram.

Foundry hooks – These hooks are designed not to have a safety catch, so they don't need to be there...

- The hooks are safe by design – they have deeper throats



'C' hooks – same comments



2019/20 meeting dates:

LTSC Council

Thursday	15 August 2019
Thursday	21 November 2019
Thursday	13 February 2020
Thursday	28 May 2020

AGM

Thursday 28 May 2020

Regional meetings:

Gisborne
Nelson
Southland area
Northland

Dates for the Regional meetings will be advised later.